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흉수 구성 성분의 체위에 따른 차이

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= Abstract =

The effect of Postural Changes on Pleural Fluid Constituents

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Background : Measurement of pleural fluid constituents are of value in the diagnosis of pleural effusions and in the separation of exudates from transudates. The position of the patient(sitting or lying) prior to thoracentesis may result in difference in the measurement of these constituents. The purpose of this study is to determine whether postural differences in pleural fluid constituents exist, and if so, whether they are of any clinical significance.

Method : 41 patients with pleural effusions on chest roentgenography were prospectively studied. The fluid cell counts, partial gas tension, and concentrations of chemical constituents were compared in the supine and upright positions.

Results :

- 1) A total of 10 patients were found to have an transudative effusion. In the transudates there was no significant difference in pleural fluid constituents according to posture change.
- 2) A total of 31 patients were found to have an exudative effusion. Statistically significant postural changes were noted in pH, WBC counts, protein, and LDH concentrations in the exudates. It may be due to postural sedimentary effect in the pleural space.
- 3) The PCO₂ measurements and glucose concentration were not affected by changes in position in exudates or transudates.

Conclusion : Postural sedimentary effect occurs in the pleural space with reference to the measurement of certain pleural fluid constituents when an inflammatory process is present. Therefore it is recommended that thoracentesis after 30 minutes in the sitting position should be performed.

Key Words : Pleural effusion, Postural change, postural sedimentary effect

따른 차이가 있는지의 여부와 그 임상적 의의를 찾기위해 이 연구를 시행하였다.

방법 : 1994년 5월부터 1995년 8월까지 부산대학교 병원 내과와 부산 세강 병원 내과에 입원한 환자중 흉부 X-선상 흉수가 있는 환자 41명을 대상으로 외위 및 좌위에서 각각 흉수를 채취하여 세포수, 가스분압 및 화학적 성분을 각각 검사하여 분석하였다.

결과 :

1) 여출성 흉수는 10명이었고, 이들은 모두 pH, 백혈구수, 단백량, LDH농도, PCO₂, 포도당농도에서 체위에 따른 의미있는 차이는 없었다.

2) 삼출성 흉수는 31명이었고, 이들에서 pH, 백혈구수, 단백량, LDH농도는 체위에 따라 의미있는 차이가 있었다. 이는 무게에 따른 침강 효과 때문이라고 생각된다.

3) 삼출성 흉수중 PCO₂, 포도당농도 에서는 체위에 따른 의미있는 차이는 관찰되지 않았다.

결론 :

흉막에 염증이 생기면 흉수의 어떤 성분에 있어 체위에 따른 침강 효과가 있다고 생각되며, 따라서 삼출성 흉수가 의심되는 경우에는 흉강천자전 30분동안 좌위를 취하게 한 후에 천자술을 시행함으로써 삼출성 흉수의 진단에 보다 근접된 소견을 얻을 수 있으리라 판단된다.

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